MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any vacancies other than those of the higher grade and lower grade clerks have been filled up permanently in the Secretariat ?

MR. K GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The information supplied here is about the vacancies that have been filled up.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : I wish to know the number of vacancies filled up in the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is given.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there were any other vacancies which were filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If there were any other vacancies, the information would have been supplied.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether there were any other vacancies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There might be.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether the service put in here is reckoned from the date of first appointment ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is given here.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Is there any period of service which is not reckoned in this calculation ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, non-continuous service. There are breaks in some cases which are not reckoned as periods of service.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know the length of service of these clerks from the date of their first appointment ?

PRESIDENT : If the clerks had not put in continuous service, then the period from the date of first appointment cannot be considered as service. It is very difficult to understand your question, Mr. Joseph.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Am I to understand that the length of continuous service alone will be taken into consideration ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, that is the rule.

Opening an Anchal Office at Puthur, Kottarakara.

123. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any application from the people asking for the opening of a new non-departmental Anchal Office at Puthur in Kottarakara taluk ; and

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(*b*) the time when a new office can be opened in the above place?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of opening an office at the place will be taken up when the guarantee amount is deposited.

Registration jurisdiction over the Melila pakuti.

124. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the people of Melila pakuti in Kottarakara taluk for transferring the Melila pakuti from the jurisdiction of the Punalur Sub-Registrar's Office to the Kottarakara Sub-Registrar's Office; and

(*b*) the action taken upon it?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The petition was forwarded to the Director of Registration and he has reported that he has replied to the petitioners that the pakuti in question could not be transferred to Kottarakara as Pattanapuram is more convenient to the majority of the people of the locality.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the distances from the Melila Pakuti to the Kottarkara and Pattanapuram Sub-Registry Offices?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got that information here. The Director of Registration reports that for the majority of the people, Pattanapuram will be more convenient than other offices. But as to the distance, I have not got the information.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government take it from me that it is not based on facts?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the member take it from me that the shortest distance from Melila Pakuti to Kottarakara is one mile and the longest distance 6 miles; and the longest distance from Pattanapuram 11 miles and the shortest distance 6 miles?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is noted.

Public Works in the Parur Taluk.

125. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what progress, if any, has been made in the construction of the following buildings, roads, and bridges for which funds have been provided in this year's (1105) Budget:

(*a*) a new building for the Vernacular Middle School for boys at Parur;

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